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Sir:

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to (1) submit formal substitute drawings, and (2) to file an Information Disclosure Statement. Both of these items will be submitted within 60 days of this RCE filing, and Applicants request that no action on this case be taken until the new papers have been received.

The undersigned is Applicant's new counsel and will be submitting a substitute

Power of Attorney shortly.

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